

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for enabling features of a printing device, said method comprising:

receiving information to be printed such that the printing device is enabled to print the information to be printed without a first feature of the printing device being enabled;

receiving information corresponding to an authorization of a user, the information including a designation of at least [[a]] the first feature of the printing device that the user desires to enable;

retrieving information adapted to enable at least the first feature of the printing device; and

enabling at least the first feature of the printing device using the information retrieved such that the information to be printed is printed using the first feature of the printing device.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, further comprising:

providing a user authorization tag including the information corresponding to the authorization of the user; and

wherein receiving the information corresponding to the authorization of the user is accomplished when the user authorization tag is in a proximity of the printing device.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, further comprising:

determining whether the information corresponding to the authorization of the user is being received; and

discontinuing printing of the information to be printed using at least the first feature if the information corresponding to the authorization of the user is not being received.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving the information adapted to enable at least the first feature comprises:

accessing a storage medium external to the printing device; and
retrieving the information adapted to enable at least the first feature from the storage medium.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the storage medium is a Web site.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
providing the storage medium.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information adapted to enable at least the first feature is stored by the printing device.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving identification information corresponding to a print cartridge of the printing device;
determining whether the identification information corresponding to the print cartridge is associated with the printing device; and
if the identification information corresponding to the print cartridge is not associated with the printing device, notifying the user that the print cartridge may not be associated with the printing device.

10. (Currently Amended) A print system comprising:

a printing device having a first print cartridge and an identification reader, the first print cartridge containing a print substance for printing on a print medium, the first cartridge having a readable identification tag for providing first information, the identification reader being configured to receive the first information from the identification tag, such that, if the first information corresponds to the printing device, the identification reader enables the printing device to print; and

a feature-enabling system communicating with the printing device, the feature-enabling system being configured to:

receive information to be printed such that the printing device is enabled to print the information to be printed without a first feature of the printing device being enabled;

receive information corresponding to an authorization of a user, the information including a designation of at least [[a]] the first feature of the printing device that the user desires to enable;[[,]]

retrieve information adapted to enable at least the first feature of the printing device;[[,]] and

enable at least the first feature of the printing device using the information retrieved such that the information to be printed is printed using the first feature of the printing device.

11. (Original) The print system of claim 10, wherein the identification reader includes a receiver, the receiver being adapted to receive the information corresponding to the authorization of the user via wireless communication.

12. (Original) The print system of claim 10, wherein the identification reader includes means for receiving information via wireless communication.

13. (Original) The print system of claim 10, further comprising:

a user authorization tag adapted to communicate with the identification reader via wireless communication, the user authorization tag including a memory, the memory storing the information corresponding to the authorization of the user.

14. (Original) The print system of claim 13, wherein the user authorization tag includes information configured to enable the feature-enabling system to retrieve the information adapted to enable at least the first feature of the printing device.

15. (Original) The print system of claim 13, wherein the user authorization tag includes a Uniform Resources Locator corresponding to the information adapted to enable at least the first feature of the printing device.

16. (Original) The print system of claim 10, further comprising:

a second print cartridge having a print substance for printing on a print medium and a readable identification tag for providing the first information, the second print cartridge being adapted to be installed in the printing device after the first print cartridge is removed from the printing device.

17. (Original) The print system of claim 10, wherein the first feature is one of: a half-toning algorithm, a font, a digital signature and a photo algorithm.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for use with a printing device, said computer readable medium comprising:

logic configured to:

receive information to be printed such that the printing device is enabled to print the information to be printed without a first feature of the printing device being enabled;

receive information corresponding to an authorization of a user, the information including a designation of at least [[a]] the first feature that the user desires to enable;

retrieve information adapted to enable at least the first feature of the printing device; and

enable at least the first feature of the printing device using the information retrieved such that the information to be printed is printed using the first feature of the printing device.

19. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 18, further comprising:

logic configured to access a Web site; and

logic configured to retrieve the information adapted to enable at least the first feature from the Web site.

20. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 18, further comprising:

logic configured to determine whether identification information corresponding to a print cartridge is associated with the printing device; and

logic configured to notify the user if the identification information corresponding to the print cartridge is not associated with the printing device.

21. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 18, further comprising:

logic configured to determine whether the information corresponding to the authorization of the user is being received; and

logic configured to discontinue printing by the printing device using at least the first feature if the information corresponding to the authorization of the user is not being received.

22. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the first feature is a half-toning algorithm.